

REMARKS

Claims 26-28 are pending. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103

Claims 1 and 2 were previously rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,253,163 by Komoriya et al. (“Komoriya”) and 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,508,644 by Branson et al. (“Branson”) and U.S. Patent Pre-Grant Publ. No. 2002/0171453 by Kanamori et al. (“Kanamori”). These rejections are now moot because Claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled, and Claims 26-28 have been presented. Claims 26-28 specifically recite the features of the sense amplifier shown in Figure 1 of the Application as originally filed, and Komoriya, Branson, Kanamori (singularly or in any reasonable combination) fail to disclose all of the specifically recited features. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that Claims 26-28 be allowed.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request full allowance of Claims 26-28.

In the event that any fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees due (other than issue fees), and to credit any overpayment made, in connection with the filing of this paper to Deposit Account 20-0668 of Texas Instruments Incorporated.

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Should the Examiner require any further clarification to place this application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

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